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NEW HIGH SCHOOL FRIGHTFUL BOTCH

Concrete Floors Being Torn Up, Doorways Ripped Out And Other Bumbling Work Undone in Costly New Temple of Education on Golden Hill.

Wavy Lines of Water Table and Curves Where Straight Lines Should Be in Terra Cotta Work Add To General Confusion in Structure.

Because the water piping system as installed in the new high school building was botched and laid in an impracticable manner, workmen began several days ago to tear up the concrete floors throughout the building to correct the error.

Because the workmen who laid the frame work and the bricks for the walls of the rooms were not furnished with proper specifications, doorways in the building are being torn down.

Because the contracting firm that started the job either didn't have money enough or didn't want to spend money, the terra cotta in the new building is a lamentable series of curves and irregularities.

Are they still working on the new high school building? Oh, yes, they are tearing things up in great shape.

What the committee board did several weeks ago to the prospective contractors was to let them build the building and tore it down and built it again in their imaginations, being actually done on the building for which Bridgeport has fought for years and which has gone but a set, that will last for years.

These lines are all the style at the present time. The architects have been decorated with terra cotta and mortar.

A very ornamental water table has been constructed. Its wavy lines delight the eye, but the fact that the water table is being torn down is a disgrace.

On Lyon terrace and on Golden Hill street, the effect is stunning. The blocks are in graceful lines this way and that, and project and recede just enough to make a general contour, decidedly novel. There's nothing like it in Bridgeport.

Mental telepathic specifications were used in the construction of some of the rooms and as a result some of the doorways are being torn down. Having no measurements the bricklayers and the architect, who is said to have neglected the custom of giving measurements from the room side walls to the middle of the door space, were being torn down.

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The contracting firm has rented its rigging and derricks. They didn't own them and couldn't borrow any.

No provision has been made for the piping of the vacuum cleaning system. As a result they have to tear up more things.

Members Elmer H. Havens and N. W. Bishop visited the scene to-day shortly before noon and watched the creature of their dreams being torn down. They were very much amused at the sight.

One other thing has escaped the attention of the board of education. No place has been reserved for the copper plate on which the custom is to inscribe the names of the illustrious persons who conceived a public building and gave to its construction. It is rumored that the board will neglect to have a plate made for the admiring eyes of posterity.

One man who viewed the exterior of the building to-day, remarked: "One good turn deserves another."

Rear Admiral Pond, in command of the naval defense district of the Pacific, was named by Secretary Daniels to take command of the Pacific reserve fleet at Puget Sound.

SEVEN FAT JOBS ALL READY FOR G.O.P. FAITHFUL

Senate Gets Favorable Report on Bill Authorizing Statute Revision.

(Special to The Farmer)
Hartford, April 14.—With the report to the Senate today of the bill authorizing the governor to appoint a statute revision commission, the judicial committee paved the way for the parceling out of seven juicy jobs to faithful Republicans.

The bill provides for a commission of six, each of whom will get \$500 in salary and will have an expense account up to \$1,000. A clerk is also authorized, to serve at \$5,000 a year and with an expense account of \$1,000.

Similar statute revisions in the past have cost more than double the original estimate, and it is not doubted that the present commission, if appointed, will succeed in expending a fair-sized bundle of the state's money.

It is said that Speaker Frank Healy is slated for one of the places on the revision commission. The Senate today received a favorable report on a bill to allow an extension of time for the issuance of school bonds authorized last year by a referendum election in Bridgeport.

Governor H. P. Clegg sent to the Senate today the nomination of Dr. Frederick T. Simpson, of Hartford, to be consulting physician at the state's prison.

The excise committee reported to the House the bill increasing liquor licenses for druggists, making the fee \$2 instead of \$1 for the ordinary prescription license, and \$67 instead of \$50 for the license to sell liquors. In the previous bill the increase was made 100 percent, but the druggists objected and were given a rebate yesterday at which a compromise was made by increasing the present fees 32.5 percent.

NON-SUIT GRANTED TO RAILROAD FOR WILTON FATALITY

Court Rules That Plaintiff Failed to Show Negligence of Defendant.

The \$12,000 suit brought against the New Haven Railroad Co. by Solon Borsum, administrator on the estate of T. Miller, was non-suited this morning in the superior court.

Judge Williams granted a motion for non-suit made by Attorney W. L. Barrett for the railroad company. Judge Williams and a jury had been hearing testimony in the case since yesterday morning.

Counsel for the railroad asked that the suit be thrown out of court because counsel for Borsum had not been able to show that the railroad failed to take proper precautions or had been guilty of negligence at the time Miller met his death.

In the complaint it was stated that Miller's automobile was struck while crossing the railroad tracks at New Canaan. Miller was thrown out and killed. He was an artist living in the Sillerman colony at Wilton, where Borsum also resides. Although nothing was announced today it is probable that the plaintiff will ask for a new trial at a later date.

Says He Was Thrown Through Window In Beardsley Park Barn

"Your Honor, the only thing I know of the matter is when I got myself being hurled through window and I woke up on the floor of the barn," was the startling excuse offered by Stephen Agar in the city court this morning when he was charged with breach of the peace. Agar, a farmer of Greenfield Hill, was found in a barn just above Beardsley Park by the owner. The window had been broken and the capture of Agar created considerable excitement in the vicinity yesterday morning.

In his defense, Agar told the court he had met two men and had been drinking with them. He lost consciousness and woke up amidst a clatter of glass from a window through which he believed he had been thrown by his companions. The charge against him was nolle.

Bridgeporter To Head The Sons of Veterans

William H. Hart of Bridgeport will probably be chosen commander of the Connecticut division of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the state encampment which opened in New Britain today and which will continue tomorrow. Mr. Hart who is a past commander of Franklin Bartlett camp of this city, has been promised the support of the Hartford, New Haven, New Britain and Winsted camps. Thus far no candidate has appeared against him.

GEN. COLE PUTS BAN ON BOXING IN THE ARMORY

No More Exhibitions of Pugilism in State Building, His Order.

ROBIDEAU MOHR BOUT MUST GO ELSEWHERE

Head of State Militia Returns Major Herrmann's Request, "Unapproved"

There will be no more boxing exhibitions in the armory, according to the decision of Adjutant General George B. Cole of the National Guard, who has refused to allow the building to be used for a fistio show scheduled for April 22.

Two boxing shows were held in the armory last year under the auspices of the Coast Artillery A. C. On these occasions uniformed members of the militia were present to maintain order and both affairs were well handled.

A few weeks ago it was announced that another show would be held. P. F. Roach, who acted as matchmaker in the previous exhibitions, was authorized to sign boxers and he secured Sammy Robideau of Philadelphia and Walter Mohr of New York for the main bout. At that time there was no intimation that the armory could not be secured. This building is considered desirable because its great seating capacity gives assurance that the gate receipts will be large enough to pay the expenses of the show.

Matchmaker Roach has not yet stated that he will be unable to secure the armory. It is understood, however, that he has offered the use of two other places if the armory was refused him.

G.O.P. "ECONOMY" CAUSES INFRACTION OF CITY ORDINANCE

Laborers on Lakeside Construction Work Underpaid and Overworked.

In the frenzied effort to vindicate the extravagance of the Republican administration in the charities department, the ordinance of the city of Bridgeport are being violated.

Although a city ordinance specifically states that any city employee or any person working for a contracting firm in the city's employ shall not be paid less than \$2 a day, the city is paying its workmen on that city job \$1.50 a day.

Not only did the charities department pay the men only \$1.50 a day but at first the department refused to give them cash. After working all day, the laborers received a handful of groceries.

Members of unions in Bridgeport are protesting the matter, and attention has been called to the city ordinances. It is asserted that the workmen labor nine hours a day, but at the scene of activities, officials say they eight hours of work is required. If the former is true, another city ordinance is being broken.

PRESIDENT ORDERS NATION'S HONOR TO LINCOLN'S MEMORY

Washington, April 14.—Instructions were being sent out from here today to all parts of the world where the United States is officially represented for the observance of the 50th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln, tomorrow.

President Wilson had issued an executive order directing that as tribute to the memory of the martyred President, the day be observed by the closing of the executive offices of the United States and that the Stars and Stripes be displayed at half mast upon all federal buildings, on all forts, military posts and naval stations, on all vessels of the United States and upon all American embassies and consulates.

In addition, the owners and masters of all United States merchant ships have been requested to display the national flag at half mast.

Portable Eating House For Local Arms Works Arrives

A portable building to be used for the employees of the new Bridgeport Arms works for the purpose of feeding the workmen who either have no homes to go to or who prefer to eat on the premises, has arrived in this city. It will be placed on the grounds of the Bridgeport Arms works and in a few days equipment will be installed so that it may be in working order.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Thursday, moderate to fresh north winds.

CARPENTERS TO SEEK INCREASE TO \$3.75 MAY 1

Master Builders Receive Notification of Union's Expectation.

WANT TO AVOID VOTE ON STRIKE ON MAY 1

District Council Writes To Local Bosses Seeking Adjustment.

Master builders of the city have received a letter from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, through the district council of the union indicating an increase in the wage scale on May 1, to \$3.75 per day.

This wage already has been provided by several master builders of the town, and it is expected that owing to the prosperity of local builders, with the great boom that has come to Bridgeport, the carpenters will be allowed to share in the general returns. The letter which shows the attitude of the carpenters, and which has been received by master builders, is as follows:

"As you know, there is a strong demand before this council for a vote on strike for \$4 per day. As we are striving to avoid such a vote we now inform you that on and after May 1, 1915, the wage scale will be 46 2/3 cents per hour and \$3.75 per day. "Should this not meet with your approval you will kindly communicate with the secretary and the council will do the best they can to make everything satisfactory."

DISTRICT COUNCIL, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

LEGISLATURE TO CLOSE BY MAY 10

Hartford, April 14.—The approach of the date for final adjournment of the General Assembly of 1915 was indicated today by announcement that next week probably both branches would hold adjourned sessions. Committees are sending in their reports freely and most of them today had disposed of everything in hand.

Legislative leaders had looked for adjournment of May 1, but the likelihood of prolonged debate on financial, appropriation and several private incorporation bills may prolong the session for 10 days or two weeks beyond that date.

Rich Darien Folks Want Taxes Lessened

Forbes Hawkes and McDougall Hawkes, wealthy New Yorkers who have a summer residence in Darien, have appealed to the superior court from the valuation placed on their property by the Darien assessors. The place was assessed for \$50,000, which the owners claim is excessive. They want the superior court to modify the assessment.

DELBRIDGE PROPERTY TO GO TO CHILDREN ON DEATH OF HIS WIDOW

The will of Joseph Delbridge was admitted to probate today and the life use of his estate which consists of cash in banks and real estate is left his widow, Catherine Delbridge. At her death the estate is to be divided among his five children.

POSTPONE POLICE BOARD MEETING UNTIL FRIDAY

A meeting of the police board, to take care of routine matters, has been called for Friday night instead of Thursday, as originally contemplated. It is believed that President George S. Hill will at this time report upon the new police patrol which will be purchased.

FIRE HORSE FALLS.

A fire horse, belonging to No. 4 Engine house, while being exercised this morning, fell upon slippery pavement at Main and Arch streets. Although the horse was somewhat excited in its efforts to get up the driver controlled it and besides a few slight scratches no injury was suffered by the animal.

U. M. C. CO. SPENDS MILLION AND A HALF FOR FIFTEEN FACTORIES IN SEVEN MONTHS

Since September of last year the Remington Arms-U. M. C. Co., has completed or begun 15 buildings on the property in Barnum Avenue, Seaview Avenue and Boston Avenue at an estimated total cost of \$1,583,000. The buildings and their dimensions follow:

Three buildings in Barnum Avenue	288x64 feet each
Two buildings in Seaview Avenue	240x48 feet each
Three buildings in Boston Avenue	65x352 feet each
One building in Boston Avenue	64x192 feet each
Five buildings in Boston Avenue	140x352 feet each
One building in Boston Avenue	90x121 feet each

The buildings in Barnum avenue are four stories in height each, those in Seaview avenue one story each. The Boston avenue buildings are one story high with exception of the permits granted last night for five so-called "twin buildings", each four stories high.

ROBINSON HEADS BRITISH ARMY'S AUTO INSPECTION

Bridgeporter Has Charge of Purchases of Vast Array of War Machines.

HIS WIFE SOON TO SAIL TO JOIN HIM

Has Made Big Sales of Locomobile Company's Products to the English.

Arthur W. Robinson, sales manager of the Locomobile Co., who went to England six months ago to sell a big order of motor trucks, has been appointed inspector general of motor trucks for the British government. He has charge of the vast array of trucks gathered by the English war department for use in the war. This is a position of enormous responsibility and shows how highly Mr. Robinson's ability is regarded in England.

In spite of his new duties Mr. Robinson will continue to represent the Locomobile Co. in England. He is also connected with the firm of Jaston, Williams & Wigmore, a very prominent London concern located in Bond street.

Mrs. Robinson and her three children, who have been staying at their home in the Brooklawn section, during Mr. Robinson's sojourn abroad, will sail Saturday for England. Mrs. Robinson a few weeks ago made application to the naturalization department of the superior court for a passport so that she could sail to join her husband. The passport has been received from the government authorities in Washington and she will depart for London with the steamer St. Louis of the American line.

Arthur W. Robinson is known as an automobile expert and leader in the trade and is not surprised that he has been called to pay the war. He was very prominent in social life during his stay in this city, being active in affairs at the Brooklawn and other clubs. Previous to her marriage Mrs. Robinson was Miss Elsie Henshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Henshaw.

NOT GUILTY PLEA BY TANZER GIRL

New York, April 14.—Rae Tanzer, who was indicted yesterday by the federal grand jury on the charge of using the mails to defraud James V. Osborne, former assistant district attorney, appeared in court today and entered a plea of not guilty. She was released on a bond of \$5,000.

David Slade, her former attorney, indicted yesterday with his brother, Maxwell Slade, on the charge of obstructing justice in connection with the case, was expected to plead tomorrow.

Seven persons, the two Slades, A. J. McCullough, a detective, Miss Tanzer, her two sisters, Bora and Rose, and Frank Stafford, fiscal clerk, now face trial as the result of the federal investigation of the case, which grew out of Miss Rae Tanzer's \$50,000 breach of promise suit against Mr. Osborne. The federal authorities said today they expect to begin the trial within a month.

Fate of Schooner Robert G. Dun Not Known in Bridgeport

No information has been received in this city as to the fate of the Robert Graham Dun, the schooner that was abandoned off the coast of Virginia in the storm just before Easter. Whether any of the ship or its cargo was salvaged has not been learned.

The Robert Graham Dun was caught in a gale off the coast after a vain battle, its crew and captain put off in a small boat. They were later picked up by a Clyde liner. The Dun carried 800,000 feet of lumber for Bridgeport and it is not known if any has been recovered from the water.

KEY-WORKERS GET \$27 IN GILBERT STREET HOUSE

The home of Mrs. Napoleon Brisbane, 268 Gilbert street was reported to the police as having been entered by key-workers yesterday afternoon between 2 and 3:30 o'clock. The thieves took \$27 in cash, hidden in a pocket-book in a bureau drawer.

STEEL AGAIN BIG FEATURE OF MARKET

New York, April 14.—Bethlehem Steel was again in the foreground at the opening of today's strong and very active stock market. Trading in the issue named began with a sale of 1,000 shares at 128 to 129, an overnight gain mostly in small lots to 140. At that level it jumped five points to 145 without intermediate quotations. Then as suddenly it fell back in breaks of one to three points to 130, all within the first half hour.

Elsewhere the market manifested general strength with increased speculative inquiry. Metal shares, motors and some of the leaders rose from two to five points. Dealings in the first hour amounted to 375,000 shares of which Bethlehem Steel contributed a relatively small quota. The stock recovered from 130 to 135 by 1 o'clock, from which time it ceased to exercise any influence as a market factor.

Seasoned issues were again taken in hand, some rising to levels above last Saturday's high range. Reading and United States Steel were the most notable exceptions to this tendency.

TERRIFIC BATTLE BEING WAGED FOR CARPATHIAN PASS

Struggle in Mountains Holds Center of War Interest While Both Armies Are Making Claims of Success—Russian Forces Announce Capture of Three Heights.

THREE WEEKS TO REPAIR BOILERS, RAIDER'S DEMAND

German Commerce Raider Kronprinz Wilhelm, it was learned today, is in need of boiler tubes which cannot be supplied at this port and must be procured and installed in the ship, would require at least three weeks.

While the Kronprinz Wilhelm was awaiting removal to a drydock for repairs, details of the story of the sinking of the British steamer Belvedere, one of the Wilhelm's 14 victims, were related today by members of the crew, revealing that the British ship was held as a prize for 16 days before she was sent to the bottom. The Belvedere was bound from Liverpool to South American ports with 4,000 tons of coal, whiskey and oxygen when she was captured by the Wilhelm December 4 last. She was moved to the Wilhelm with strong cables and stripped of everything of value.

When the French steamer Montague was sighted the Belvedere was left in charge of a prize crew while the Kronprinz Wilhelm went on to chase and finally sank the Frenchman by ramming. Then, on December 30, after all movable parts were securely lashed down in order that nothing might be lost floating upon the surface to the British cruiser a clue as to the Wilhelm's whereabouts, the Belvedere was sent to the bottom.

Washington, April 14.—Secretary Daniels today directed Rear Admiral Beatty, commander of the Norfolk Navy Yard to designate as a board to survey the German sea raider Kronprinz Wilhelm, the same officers chosen by Constructor Du Solme who passed upon the case of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich last month.

Repaired to make the ship seaworthy and the amount of coal and supplies needed to take her to the nearest home port would be determined. Then the navy department will fix the time of the vessel's stay at Newport News.

In the western arena of the war the allies have done little in the last two or three days beyond the consolidation of the positions now in their hands. Progress in the south of the Dardanelles has been noted. Increased activity has been noted at the Dardanelles which may forebode the near approach of a new attempt to force the straits in co-operation with land forces while at the other extremity of the sea area of possible conflict, rumors persist of German warships cruising in the northern waters of the North Sea.

Austrians Reported Routed In Hungary

Lemberg, April 14.—In a desperate attack by the Russians on the right flank of the Austrian position at Mesolabers, on the Hungarian side of the East Beskid mountains and about 50 miles south of Przemyśl, the Austrians were forced after a 12 hour battle to make a precipitate retreat. The position heretofore considered impregnable by the Austrians, is now in Russian hands.

Pittsburgh Factories Get Big War Orders

Pittsburgh, April 14.—Stories of unusual industrial activity in the Pittsburgh district because of the presence of orders for war material have been received with more or less hesitation until today, when a number of manufacturing concerns confirmed to The Associated Press reports of their operations.

At the Westinghouse Airbrake Co. it was said that special machinery had been installed and workmen were now making shrapnel shells, cartridge cases and fuses on a contract that will require a year to complete. The shells will be loaded in Europe.

The Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. is making large projectiles for the war, although the order came in at a time when the city manufacturer, Special machinery has been put in the shops and repeat orders are expected.

A number of smaller concerns also are making ammunition, some shops working at high speed to fill the demand promptly.

British Hold Cotton Not War Contraband

London, April 14.—The British government has decided against placing cotton on the contraband list. A question was asked in the House of Commons this afternoon on this subject and Neil Primrose, under secretary of foreign affairs, on behalf of the foreign office, replied that after careful consideration it had been found that the military advantages to be gained by declaring cotton contraband were insufficient to render such a step expedient.

Fire-Proofing Law For Bridgeport Is Reported Favorably

Hartford, April 14.—Among favorable reports to the general assembly to-day was one amending the Bridgeport charter, giving the city council right to make ordinances requiring fire proofing of buildings in certain sections.